

New turf brings more activity to Ramona Stadium



Riverside pride is running high this football season at the Ramona High School Stadium. Ramona and Arlington High Schools, Pop Warner and Junior All-American football programs are proud to call this new artificial turf field “home”.

In addition to the new turf field, the stadium is now equipped with new bleachers, a press box, elevator, ticket booth, concession stand and restrooms as a result of a successful joint venture with the City of Riverside and the Riverside Unified School District (RUSD). The benefits of artificial turf are that it is more durable and only uses 20 percent as much water as grass. The installed sprinkler system is dual-purpose as it rinses the turf clean and cools it off before and during use.

The new steel-frame home-side bleachers provide seating for 2,500 fans and the 106-space parking lot can provide overflow parking for Don Jones Park just north of the campus.

With this new partnership, Pop Warner and Jr. All-American youth football leagues will be able to use the field during any time not previously scheduled for RUSD activities. They'll be able to play their regular and play-off season games in Riverside, increasing the team's pride and community spirit.

The project is a true example of community collaboration to provide joint-use facilities. The total cost of the project is \$12.1 million.



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